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USING PIEZOELECTRIC ACTUATOR

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In response to the Office Action dated 09/20/2002 finding that the applicant has claimed thirteen patentably distinct species (i.e., no one of which is made "obvious" by any other single or combination of such species under 35 U.S.C. §103), applicant hereby provisionally elects for further consideration the patentably distinct species of Figure 1 on which at least claims 1-10, 15-17, 19, 20 and 24 read.

As the Examiner has already recognized, claims 1, 15 and 24 are generic. Therefore, allowance of all pending claims directed to all patentably distinct species is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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